

## Message Text

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R 071430Z SEP 77  
FM AMEMBASSY ROME  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6984  
INFO AMEMBASSY TUNIS  
AMCONSUL MILAN  
AMCONSUL PALERMO

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ENRG, IT  
SUBJ: REPORTED OIL DISCOVERY IN STRAIT OF SICILY

REF: PALERMO 614

RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH NATHAN OF ENI PLANNING OFFICE  
AND D'AGOSTINO OF AGIP MINERARIA CONFIRM INFO ON NILDE 2  
REPORTED REFTEL. NILDE 2 IS AN EXPLORATORY WELL IN  
ZONE C. IT IS SITUATED APPROXIMATELY 60 KM SOUTHWEST OF THE  
TOWN OF MARSALA, LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWESTERN TIP OF SICILY.  
THE WELL, 1600 METERS IN DEPTH, WAS DRILLED IN WATERS OF A  
DEPTH OF 100 METERS. ALTHOUGH D'AGOSTINO BELIEVED FIND WOULD  
BE COMMERCIALLY EXPLOITABLE, SEISMIC SURVEYS INDICATE THAT  
THE FIND IS NOT TOO LARGE--CERTAINLY NOT LARGE ENOUGH TO  
JUSTIFY A PIPELINE CONNECTION TO THE MAINLAND. MORE WELLS  
ARE TO BE DRILLED TO DETERMINE SIZE OF RESERVE. D'AGOSTINO  
ADDED THAT TWO EARLIER "SHOWS" IN THE SAME AREA WHICH HAVE BEEN  
MENTIONED IN PRESS ACCOUNTS, ARE NOT COMMERCIALLY EXPLOITABLE.

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## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptoning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
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**Disposition Date:** 22 May 2009  
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